

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 696

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Station Camp High School Lady Bison soccer team upon winning the District 9 AAA and Region Championships.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful sports teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Station Camp High School Lady Bison soccer team is one such estimable sports team that achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2009 season, finishing the season undefeated in district play on the way to claiming the District 9-AAA Girls' Soccer Championship and marking the first shutout of district opponents in the history of Station Camp girls' soccer; and

WHEREAS, soccer is one of the most physically demanding sports and requires constant practice, an unwavering commitment to excellence, a highly-developed understanding of the importance of team play, and an often torturous training regimen; it has been played at a high level of excellence by the Station Camp soccer players throughout their spectacular season; and

WHEREAS, the highly accomplished and athletically gifted young women of the Station Camp High School Lady Bison soccer team won the district title by prevailing over the powerhouse team of Hendersonville (2-0) with Sykia Perry scoring both goals for the Bison; and

WHEREAS, along the way to a perfect 2009 season in district play, the Station Camp Lady Bison trampled their opponents by scoring 42 goals, and their dominating defense prevented a single goal from being scored against them, even though it was only the team's first season to play AAA soccer; and

WHEREAS, in the regional semi-finals, the Lady Bison trampled all over Dickson County 5-0, and then once again bested Hendersonville, 3-0, in a rematch to claim the Region title; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Chris Thurman laid the groundwork for this year's championship team by sharing with these young women his substantial knowledge of soccer, his many years of coaching and athletic experience, and his passion both for the sport of soccer and for excellence in every endeavor; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the able leadership of Mr. Thurman, the Bison benefited from the tireless and committed work of Assistant Coach Luke Johnson; and;

WHEREAS, the Station Camp High School Lady Bison soccer team includes players: Tiffany Anderson, Kimmi Barnett, Jessica Coleman, Abby Gettings, Emily Hutcherson, Mackenzie Keele, Savannah Kelle, Lindsay Mayo, Amber Ortiz, Kaylie Passen, Sykia Perry, Kelsey Richards, Squirt Surdam, Leah Suter, Macy Troglen, Taylor Sweat, and Lauren Wilson; and

WHEREAS, the Station Camp High School Lady Bison epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the field; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship soccer season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future enterprise; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Station Camp High School Lady Bison soccer team for winning the District 9-AAA Championship and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Head Coach Chris Thurman and the Station Camp High School Lady Bison soccer team upon winning the District 9-AAA and Region Championships, commend them upon their exemplary season, and wish them every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.